(*b*) Yes, Sir. Difficulty in verifying the services of teachers prior to 1947 was one of the reasons. The other was the fact that the scheme was comparatively new and it required some experience to work it.

(*c*) Yes, Sir.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Was there any difference of opinion, with reference to the Thanjavur District Board, as to whether the Special Officer should prepare it or the District Educational Officer should prepare it ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I do not have the information.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: As these delays were due to a difference of opinion, can I take it that the Government have now issued clear orders that the Special Officers should prepare it and not the District Educational Officers ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: That is what I have stated in the answer.

Government Training Colleges

*79 *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of lecturer's posts kept vacant for the past two years in Government Training Colleges and the reason therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Out of the four Gazetted posts of Lecturers sanctioned for the Government Post-Graduate Basic Training College, Orathanad, only two posts have been utilized considering the limited admission to the College. No other Lecturer's post in any Government Training College has been kept vacant for the past two years.

Teachers appointed under the South Arcot District Board

*80 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of qualified teachers appointed in permanent vacancies in the various elementary schools under the South Arcot District Board from 1951 todate;

(*b*) the number of such teachers whose services were regularized with probationary rights with retrospective effect from the date of appointment;

(*c*) whether the increments due to such teachers from the date of appointment have been sanctioned; and

(*d*) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) The information is not available.

(*b*) 948.

(*c*) & (*d*) The teachers have all been allowed to count their service from the dates of their appointment for purpose of increments without claim for arrears of pay.

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: May I know the exact reason why they have been denied payment of the increment from the date of appointment?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Generally when services are regularized in this manner, arrears of pay are not allowed.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Is it a fact that the District Board first of all regularized the services of teachers with probationary rights with retrospective effect and later on under rule 8 (*a*) of the emergency provisions that the benefit was denied to them?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: This was a case in which the Government interfered and gave retrospective effect to services already put in. After a full consideration of the facts of the cases, the Government had come to the conclusion that arrears of pay need not be paid.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN: Is it not a fact that the services of teachers appointed in 1951–52 were regularized only in 1957–58, after a lapse of five or six years?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: That is correct, Sir.

Higher Secondary Schools

* 81 *Q.*—DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether secondary schools to be upgraded as higher secondary schools have been selected for each of the educational districts; and

(*b*) if so, the principles on which the selection has been made?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) The matter is under consideration.

(*b*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN: May I know whether in the proposals to upgrade these secondary schools to higher secondary schools, region-wise consideration and taluk-wise consideration will prevail upon the Goverment?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Anyhow, region-wise needs would be kept in mind. I do not know whether it would be possible to consider the taluk-wise needs.

DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN: In the answer supplied, it has been stated that each taluk will have at least one higher secondary school. I wanted to know whether the Government would adhere to this and bring that into force.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: As far as upgrading is concerned, the suitability of the particular school for upgrading should also be taken into consideration. I do not think, simply because one school has to be given for each taluk, we will force any school to take up the course without any facilities.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 63 infra.